Linden, Ala. Democrat Reporter
February 2, 1939

Negro Farmers Will Hold Conference At Thomaston

The annual Negro farmers' conference of Marengo County will be held on Friday, February 17 in the Marengo County Training School auditorium at Thomaston. The display of farm products and women's industrial work is a special feature which will be arranged by L. L. Brewer, W. B. Hill, A. M. Motley, M. Simpson. Prizes donated by the white citizens of Marengo County will be awarded for the best collection of farm products, fruit collection, industrial work, etc.

A special invitation is extended to landlords, business men, other citizens and friends.

Those who have products and industrial work to go on exhibition, are requested to get them to the school not later than Wednesday, February 15th.

The program will start at 9:00 o'clock.

There will be group meetings for men and women.

Special talks will be made by Dr. E. T. Norman, County Health Officer, E. W. Phillips, Mr. C. C. Pritchett, President Planters Bank & Trust Co., Mr. G. M. Watson, Supt. of Education, Linden, A. Floyd, Teacher Trainer, Tuskegee, Inst., nnd Mr. F. M. Jones, County Agent.

Awarding of prizes will be at 7:00 o'clock p. m.

This is also Visiting Day for the school and an invitation to visit it is extended to its white friends.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA. NEWS
FEB. 22, 1939 P25

Negro Farmers Will Meet Here Friday

The fourth annual negro farmers' conference for Tuscaloosa County will be held Friday, February 24 from 10 until 2 o'clock in the Van Hoose auditorium. The theme for the conference this year will be, "Better Farming Through Organized Planning." Negro club leaders will be called in to consider the major problems facing the farmers of this county for the present year and a rational solution shall be attempted. As has been the policy of the negro extension workers, the findings of the conference will be the basis of the years program of work. The negro curb market is the direct outgrowth of the first farmers conference held in the county after negro extension work was inaugurated.

Valuable assistance in giving official information regarding the national farm program, problems of health and sanitation, and what constitutes a well rounded farm and home program, will be rendered by county and state officials. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend this conference and study with us the problems of our farmers. The ministers of the county and city churches are especially asked to be present.

The main address of the conference will be delivered by N. Kollock of Tuskegee Institute, state agent for negro men. The county and home demonstration agents from several adjoining counties will attend to receive and impart such information as will be helpful.

Dadeville, Ala., Record
March 2, 1939

97 HAMS ON EXHIBITION AT NEGRO CONFERENCE

The farmers' conference and ham show held at the County Training School in Camp Hill on Friday, February 24, was a big success. A very large number of farmers and farm people from different sections of the county attended.

Gists of talks:

Dr. C. C. Fargason, County Health Officer, advised the farmers to keep the premises cleaned up in order that the drinking water may be fit; to keep the bodies clean and to shun those places where diseases are communicated; to attend the annual clinics and to cooperate that contagious diseases may be stamped out.

Miss Annie B. Dickinson, County Health Nurse, discussed the importance of a balanced diet. "Milk is one of the main foods and is good in all forms,' she said. "If food is fresh, combinations will not hurt one."

Mr. H. K. Welch, County 4-H Club agent, talked about livestock and the importance of breeding up your herd with pure blood. He further expressed a willingness to help the negro agents whenever he could.

Mr. C. E. Jefferson, assistant poultry specialist, Tuskegee Institute, made an interesting talk on poultry and the care of them. Begin culling poultry as soon as they are hatched, he advised. He also gave some important points on culling, cure of common poultry diseases.

Mr. T. N. Roberts, project manager, Tuskegee Institute, made a talk on land uses. 85 per cent of farm land in Alabama is unfit for long time service and 90 per cent of the people are made unfit by farming poor land. Tallapoosa County is leading in land improvement. The government can not take care of the land without the aid of the people. Farms must be divided into small parts. Land and people must be developed together.

Mr. V. C. Turner, state 4-H club agent for negro boys in Alabama. "We have enough cotton on hand to last for the next two years without planting any more cotton. We must develop other uses and resources of the land if we are to succeed on the farm."

The exhibits were made up of hams, lard, all types of canned products, eggs, milk and butter, all attractively arranged.

Vines community exhibiting 37 hams won first community prize.

Centerview exhibiting 35 hams won second community prize.

First individual prize went to J. W. T. Rowe who exhibited 16 hams from his farm. George Hill won first prize for the largest ham. A. S. Sparks won first prize for the best cured ham. John Holloway won first prize for the best trimmed ham. Mrs. Cora Ware won first prize for best exhibit of lard. Mrs. Myrtice Hill first prize for the best exhibit of milk, butter and eggs. Mrs. Luvenia Taylor, best exhibit of canned meats. Mrs. Frances Sparks, best exhibit of canned vegetables. Mrs. Martha Hill, best exhibit of pickles (10 varieties). Mrs. Ida Finley for best jelly. Mrs. Della Fielder, best preserves. Mrs. Myrtice Hill, best canned fruits.

Ocala [redacted] Fla. News
September 8, 1939

INSTITUTE FOR NEGRO FARMERS TO BE OCT. 10

Plans for a one-day institute for negro farmers and farm wives are announced for October 10 in Ocala, by A. A. Turner, negro district farm agent. The first of a series of eight of these institutes was concluded last week at Deerfield, for Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties.

More than 200 negro farmers and farm women received instruction from extension service, experiment station, and county health officials at the Deerfield institute, Turner said.

"Summer cash crops for the lower East Coast" was the topic of B. E. Lawton, Broward county agent, and M. U. Mounts of Palm Beach county discussed soil conservation.

Other speakers include Dr. Thomas Bregger of the Everglades experiment station, Mrs. Audrey Gallion and Dr. J. N. McMurray, of the Broward county health department, and Miss Olga Kent, home demonstration agent.

Assisting District Agent Turner were John P. Powell, Gadsden county negro agent, and the local committee, W. J. Finley, O. J. Foster, and S. D. Spady.

Other meetings will be held as follows: Marianna, Oct. 3; Tallahassee, Oct. 4; Live Oak, Oct. 5; Jacksonville Oct. 6; Orlando, Oct. 11; and Plant City, Oct. 12.

Negro farmers in 52 counties will have access to the lectures and demonstrations of these agents and specialists of the state and federal departments, Turner says.

Jacksonville Fla. Times-Union
September 11, 1939

Leon County Negro Farmers' Council Has Quarterly Meet

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 10.—The Leon County Negro Farmer's Council, approximately 100 in number held their quarterly meeting the last week at Greenhowe Community School. Farm agents and farmers from Jackson and Gadsden Counties met with the group to gather ideas for organizing councils in their respective counties and to witness the improved methods of digging sweet potatoes, demonstrated in the afternoon by L. H. Lewis, specialist from the Florida State Marketing Bureau Jacksonville.

During the morning session county agents, K. S. McMullen and R. E. Wyer, discussed with the council, the county fair, AAA program and co-operative selling of Sea Island cotton. Later Dr. J. R. E. Lee and Dean B. L. Perry of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College inspired the group with remarks on the importance of good farmers to a county and Nation. Dr. Lee said, each councilman should be an example in acreage, living at home and beautification in his community, for the entire county.

The council recessed at noon and members were served a dinner by the wives of the Greenhowe club members and B. S. Shute, local district home demonstration agent. After dinner, Mr. Lewis of the State Marketing Bureau, gave a demonstration in harvesting sweet potatoes with a "middle buster" and a rolling coulter. It was brought out in the demonstration that only one plowing on a row would cut the vines and dig the potatoes. With the old method at least three plowings of a row and men to cut the vines is necessary.

A. A. Turner, local district agent emphasized the importance of the sugarcane and sweet potato crops in the live-at-home program, and as safe cash crops for small farmers. The council adjourned at 5:30 P. M. to meet the last week in November, in the Long Pond community.

Tallahassee Fla. Democrat
October 3, 1939

Negro Farmers' Institute Will Be Held at A & M

The third of a series of eight farm and home institutes for negroes will be held here tomorrow at Florida A & M college.

State and local farmers' organizations, educational institutions, the negro division of the agricultural extension service, and several state and federal agencies are cooperating in the instruction series.

The first institute was held in south Florida a few weeks ago, and the second was being held in Marianna today.

Sweet Potatoes and Cane

Hundreds of farmers and housewives are expected to attend the meetings in quest of advice and helpful information from county and home demonstration agents, specialists, horticulturists, and agronomists from the agricultural extension service at Gainesville, state marketing bureau, state board of health, Jacksonville, and the Florida A and M college.

The lectures and demonstrations to be given will include specific information on care and maintenance of sweet potato and sugarcane stock for seed purposes. Growers of these two crops have begun this year, in many instances, to improve their seed as a means of increasing the farm income by supplying quality products to the consumer as recommended by the above institutions.

Health and Clothing

The health of the farm family will be discussed by officials of the county health units of the state board of health, with the view to improve the general health and sanitary conditions of rural families.

The home demonstration agents will discuss and demonstrate how to supply the farm family with food and clothing. The triple-A program and care and management of livestock will be discussed by county agents. Representatives of local units of the Farm Credit administration will discuss ways of financing the farmer.

The Florida A and M college poultryman will discuss care and management of the farm poultry flock. Other topics will be presented to suit the locality in order that farmers may be helped in preparing a better balanced farming program for 1940.

Starts at 9 A M

The meetings are open to the public, including business men and members of county and municipal boards, who in many instances assist in the promotion and development of the farming industry.

Samples of work done under supervision of rural workers will be on display at these meetings. Meetings will begin at 9 a m and close at 9 p m with noon recess one and one-half hours and two hours recess for supper.

Pastors of churches and teachers of schools are cooperating in informing their patrons of this meeting. Fifty counties are expected to be represented at the meetings.

CONFERENCES, FARMERS- 1939

Dawson, Ga., News
February 2, 1939

Colored Farmers Conclude Rural Life Conference

Meeting At Leesburg Friday Last O Sessions Held In January.

Colored farmers in Terrell, Dougherty and Lee counties have just closed a series of Rural Life conferences with the last meeting held at Leesburg Friday, January 27th. The initial conference was held in Albany on January 13th, and the next in Dawson on January 20th.

At the Leesburg conference, County Agent Nelson was principal speaker, and in his talk stressed the importance of colored farmers becoming land owners as the initial step in becoming self-supporting on the farm. An informal discussion, in which those present participated, was held at the close of the address.

Other topics discussed at the meeting were: "Rural Health and Sanitation, by Ethel Laing, Jeanes teacher; "The Vocational Agricultural Program In Georgia," by T. M. Bell, vocational agricultural teacher at Bainbridge, and E. G. Bailey, vocational agricultural teacher at Parrott; "A Farm Program That Will Pay," by W. A. Myles, of Cairo, colored county agent.

At the close of the session, the annual inspirational address was delivered by Rev. A. R. Cooper, well known colored minister of Albany. W. R. King, colored county agent for Terrell, Dougherty and Lee counties, was in charge of the meeting.

Savannah, Ga., Press
February 9, 1939

Arrangements are being made for the conduct of the first annual Farmers' Short Course at the Georgia State College. This short course will be held Monday through Wednesday next week. According to Prof. B. F. Hubert, president of the college, approximately thirty-five key farmers, coming from the leading farming centers of Georgia, will attend the short course.

Co-operating with P. H. Stone, supervisor, extension service among negroes in Georgia, various key farmers, recommended by the negro farm agents, have been selected to participate in activities of the short course.

The major objective of the Adult Farmers' School is to prepare them for a wholesome and satisfying life on the soil of Georgia. In order to achieve this major objective, efforts will be put forth to present subject matter, conduct field trips, perform demonstrations and direct discussions that will enable farmers attending to establish and maintain a satisfactory farm home, to manage a farm business effectively and to participate in the worthy activities of life, common to the various vocations.

The entire agricultural staff, the physical plant and the farm will be made available for the practical farmers who will be on hand.

Officials, specialists and agricultural experts, who will be on the campus, appearing on the program of the annual farm agents conference, will be drafted to lead discussions on soil conservation, extension publicity, health, field crops and beef cattle.

The following officials and specialists will be on hand: E. A. Miller, assistant to director Southern Division, AAA, Washington; A. L. Holsey, field officer, AAA, Tuskegee Institute; James P. Davis, head field officer, AAA, Little Rock, and T. M. Campbell, field agent, Tuskegee Institute.

Eastman, Ga., Times-Journal
February 9, 1939

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR NEGRO FARMERS

Friday, February 10, Negro farmers of Dodge county will gather at Peabody High school in Eastman for the Farmers' Conference. The meeting will be held promptly at 10:30 a. m. in the school auditorium, and every Negro farmer and home-maker in the county is urged to attend.

County Agent J. A. Mauldin, and Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Kathleen Carswell, and County School Superintendent W. L. Bowen will be among those to appear on the program.

Mrs. Carswell will speak on 'Canning for the Family Budget," while Mr. Mauldin will talk on 'How to Plant to Receive the Maximum from the 1939 Soil Conservation Program." The main speaker will be a state official.

Pauline Riggs, Negro Home Demonstration Agent, will discuss their program of work for the year. Both agents are urging the farmers and home-makers to take advantage of this conference which has for its objective, "A Good Start Makes a Good End."

NEGRO COUNTY COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED

Saturday, January 28, twenty-two Negro Home Demonstration Club officers met at Peabody High school at 11 o'clock to organize a Negro County Council.

Organization of the Council was under the direction of Camilla Weems, State Agent for Negro Work. Eight communities were represented. They were: Harrell, Mt. Olive, Free Gift, Rhine, Evergreen, Dempsey, Copeland, and Zion Hope.

Officers elected are as follows: President, Polly Harrell; vice-president, Sarah McClemmon; secretary, Mary E. Burch; treasurer, Cynthia Coffee; reporter, Josephine Harrell.

Committee chairmen: Clothing, Bessie Williams; Garden, Cattie Carson; Home Improvement, Elvina Lampkin; Foods Lauretta Burden; Recreation, Dorothea Thomas; Poultry, Mamie Smith; Home Dairy, Clara Smith; Health and Sanitation, Lula Carson; Education, Flossie Hayes; 4-H Club Sponsor, Effie Coffee.

Following the business session a dinner was held at the Royal and Cooper Cafes. The next meeting will be held in April.

PAULINE RIGGS,
(Negro Home Demonstration Agent.

Savannah, Ga., News
February 10, 1939

Farmers' Short Course Opens February 13

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Quitman, Ga., Free-Press
March 2, 1939

Annual Negro Program Enjoyed By Many T28

The annual Farmer's Conference and Field Trials for the colored people of Brooks county, held Friday, November 24 drew a large crowd and the programs presented during the day and Friday evening were most interesting.

The Farm Conference was held Friday morning with J. B. Stevens, colored county farm agent presiding. Instructive addresses were made by Dr. M. E. Groover, Brooks County Health Commissioner; Miss Tessie Moore, Home Demonstration Agent; Mr. Kessler, assistant to Mr. L. V. Cawley, Brooks County Farm Agent.

Two other addresses on the program were also greatly. Oscar Thomas, well known farmer from the Dry Lake district, told of the short course he attended in Savannah and his visit to the sugar refinery and the Herty paper mill. Jonas Leonard, another prominent colored farmer, told of the summer farm tours of neighboring counties.

The field and track events were held during the afternoon with Benjamin Anderson, principal of Brooks County Training School at Simmon Hill presiding.

Friday evening the entertainment program featuring musical numbers, speaking contests and other features was presided over by Catherine L. Mosley, Jeanes Fund Supervisor.

The silver cup, contributed by the teachers of the county was awarded to Brooks County High School for the third consecutive year as winner in the track events and becomes their permanent property. Cross Roads School received the banner for the third consecutive year as winner in the singing contest. Silver medals were contributed to winners in other divisions, these being contributed by the Stevens Funeral Home. The Quitman Free Press contributed subscriptions to their paper as second prizes in the competitive events.

The awards were as follows:

Speaking contest: 1st. prize (silver medal), Milton McCall, Morven school. 2nd prize. (subscription to Free Press), Mary Grey, Sweetfield school.

Spelling Contest: 1st. prize (silver medal), Juanita Spencer, Simmon Hill School. 2nd. prize (Subscription to Free Press), Gladys Rose, Grooverville School.

Singing Contest: 1st. prize (banner), Cross Roads School. 2nd. prize (subscription to Free Press) Morven School.

The singing was led by Nellie Miller and Erma Butler was pianist.

In the track and field day events awards were as follows:

100 Yd. Dash: 1st.—Watson Tyson of Brooks County High School.. 2nd. —Charles Phelps of Brooks County Training school.

220 Yd. Dash: 1st.—Ernest Giddens of Brooks County High School; 2nd.—Oscar Phillips of Brooks County High School.

440 Relay: 1st.—Watson Tyson of Brooks County High School; 2nd. —Charles Salem, same school.

High Jump: 1st. Ed Hollis of Brooks County Training School; 2nd. —Charles Salem—Brooks County High school.

Broad Jump: 1st.—Sam Raines of St. Phillips School; 2nd. Nathaniel Powell of Brooks County High School.

Certificates of honor given by County School Superintendent R. H. Gill, were given to boys winning first and second places in the Field Day event.

Sandersville, Ga., Progress
February 23, 1939

Annual Negro Farm Conference a Success

(By Janie B. Jordan, Colored Demonstration Agent)

The Washington County Annual Farmers Conference at T. J. Elder High School Friday, was attended by more than 800 farm men and women seeking information in improved methods of farming and home making.

A two reel moving picture was shown by Supt. Shealy, "Muddy Water and Negro Farm Life in the South" which was both educational and enjoyable.

Extension agents present were: Miss Camilla Weems, assistant State Agent, who conducted a model council meet-

ing with more than 75 home demonstration women, explaining to them very vividly the duties of the project chairmen, Alexander Hurse, the state club agent, who brought to the conference some very timely information and taught games.

Local agencies contributing were: Mr. Ledford, Sanitation engineer, health department; Miss Lizzie Buchan, white home demonstration agent, S. G. Mercer, white county agent; H. Barrett, Production Loan Association and Rev. H. R. Hurley pastor of the A. M. E. church who delivered the inspirational address. All of the above stressed the improvement and development of the conditions on the farm

Mrs. Evie Danzy and G. Wilcher gave to the conference some of their experiences and successes on their respective farms, stressing the importance of raising sufficient commodities for home consumption and for marketing.

The farmers association served a barbecue dinner at the close of the meeting at the county club center.

It is believed that as a result of this conference there will be an increase in farm men and women participating with extension activities.

Sparta, Ga., Ishmaelite
February 23, 1939

COLORED FARMERS CONFERENCE FEB. 25

Because we desire the presence o: every colored farmer in Hancock County at the Annual Farmers Conference for colored farmers of Hancock County Saturday, Feb. 25th., at 10:00 A M. at the Sparta A. & I. School we are again notifying you and asking you to be present and on time Leave home a nine o'clock, please, in order to be present at ten.

We are expecting several government workers on agriculture as well as distinguished, well informed men along this line who will be able to give much information as to the farm program of 1939. Bring your wife and larger sons and daughters along as there will be knowledge of value for every farmer, home-maker and child.

The conference will be climaxed by a big barbecue at which time 300 farmers, guests and visitors will be served. Let us arrange now to be present throughout the exercises. Also let each of us do all that we can to make our conference one of the biggest and best to be held anywhere in the State for the year 1939.

COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Statesboro, Ga., Times and News
March 9, 1939

NEGRO FARMERS HOLD CONFERENCE

Splendid Farm Exhibits Shown Give Evidence of Careful Selection.

The annual conference for the colored farmers of Bulloch county was held Friday at the Statesboro High Industrial School. This conference was attended by many farmers and their wives, students, teachers and visitors.

The farm exhibits were not as many in quantity as in previous years, but in quality they were superb, showing the effect of having had training in selection. As usual the exhibits were arranged in the rear section of the auditorium on six shelves that had been constructed for them, also across the front of the auditorium on two long tables were exhibits arranged in a logical order.

The conference reached a high peak in the morning with the NFA chapters making their reports expressing the NFA members' idea of an ideal farmer and their view of the farming situation of today. L. M. Wiley, president of the Statesboro H. & I. School chapter, made the general report and explained the ideals and purposes of the NFA. Willie Wyles, of the Willow Hill school, also made a report. These reports were followed by Nelson Dukes giving a reading entitled, "King Cotton's Complaint." In his reading he made a direct appeal and complaint to the farmer for cotton. He expressed the grief and groans of cotton to the farmer, saying: "The farmer depends on cotton for everything and cotton is complaining because it cannot carry the load; therefore the farmer fails." He insisted that the NFA members' belief for bettering the situation is by diversification. To further depict the farming situation, B. J. Williams gave a reading on the "Psalm of Cotton." This was the prayer of the cotton farmer saying: "Cotton, thou art my shepherd and I'm in want. Thou hath destroyed my soul and happiness." The NFA boys concluded with Curtis Brock giving the reading entitled, "If the Farmer Fails."

The health aspect which denotes happiness was discussed by Dr. H VanBuren. He emphasized the practices pertaining to and responsible for good health, and he criticised the practices that are destroying and robbing the farmer of his legal rights of being well and happy.

The farm outlook for 1939 was discussed thoroughly and forcefully by Byron Dyer, county agent for Bulloch. He brought to the farmers figures and facts pertaining to the farming situation of today and gave his view of the future. He corroborated the idea of the NFA boys on crop diversification, and urged reduction of cotton acreage, soil conservation, and canning. "These are factors," he said, "that will help to better the farming situation in this section."

Alexander Hurse, state club agent, Georgia State College, furthered this discussion by going into and explaining the food and feed requirements for the family and livestock. He based his address on the average size family and told how much produce was needed to take care of them sufficiently. He emphasized fruits and vegetables. The preparation, preservation and consumption of fruits and vegetables as well as other foods were discussed by A. B. Dixon, who is head of home economics, Georgia State College.

The final address of the conference was given by Prof. F. M. Staley, director of agriculture, Georgia State College. He spoke on bettering the situation for the people of Georgia. He approached it from the standpoint of education. He said that "we need more capable teachers who are resourcefulin their subject matter and who study the child and the community, designing something for the child's need instead of having teachers who are simply teaching text books, knowing nothing about the problem in which he or she is to deal, and knowing nothing about the environmental conditions in which they are living."

The closing remarks by M. M. Martain concluded the conference. He expressed to Z. T. Hubert, district club agent, to all the participants of the program, and to the co-operating vocational teachers in the county and farmers his gratitude for their helping to make the conference a success.

McJ. HORTON.

NEGRO FARMERS NEED MORE FRUIT

Statistics Reveal 95 Per Cent Of Colored Farmers Fail To Produce Enough.

According to survey made by the vocational department of agriculture in the Statesboro High Industrial School, 95 per cent of the colored farmers of Bulloch county do not have adequate fruit for their family needs. Georgia being the leading state in the union for peach production—it having suitable climatical conditions and soil adaptation—there is little or no excuse for a farmer in this section to suffer from the lack of fruit.

From the standpoint of values, fruit is or should rank among the first group. As a food, it is wonderful because it serves to help keep the body active and wards off many diseases that will cause the body to wear and deteriorate. It serves a place in the diet that cannot be substituted. It is also a wonderful as well as a profitable money crop, one that will supply the farmer with cash and with employment during the hot summer months when there are few other crops bringing in a cash income.

According to records, for the past four years, the N. F. A. boys, under the supervision of Prof. M. M. Martain, have been very co-operative with the farmers in establishing orchards. Many peach, pear, grape, pecan and other fruit trees have been purchased and set out. This year, it has been the duty of these boys to prune and fertilize these trees. These jobs have been carried out very successfully up to this time, yet we can and will do much this season toward fertilizing and spring pruning.

M. D. HEATH.

Macon, Ga., Telegraph
April 9, 1939

GEORGIA HAM GIFT IS PRAISED BY MRS. CADLE OF CALIFORNIA

Grateful Recipient Expresses Gratitude in Letter to Macon People

That Georgia is is marching on to establish a country-cured ham industry, with the Negro farmers of Peach and Houston counties in the lead, was evidenced in a telegram received from California this week. Mrs. Austin Cadle wired from San Rafael, Cal., to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young of Macon: "Had you sent a gold mine it would not have been more appreciated. Will ask the Ainsworths to enjoy the ham with us."

The ham sent to California was one produced by the Negro farmers of Peach and Houston and exhibited in their recent meat show in Fort Valley, staged annually for the past 22 years by O. S. O'Neill, Negro county agent of Peach and Houston County Agent O'Neill asked The Telegraph and News to help his farmer ham-producing group to dispose of some of their product, they having brought about 200 hams to the meat show in March last. O'Neill said the farmers would probably be satisfied with 25 cents per pound for their hams. O'Neill was advised to bring in 50 hams, to grade them very carefully, as he had demonstrated his ability through his years of work with hams, and to ask 40 cents per pound for No. 1 grade, 35 cents for No. 2 grade, 30 cents for No. 3, and 25 cents for No. 4. The show window of the Macon newspapers was loaned to O'Neill for his ham display and the sale of the hams, and they were sold "like hot cakes."

The purpose of the grading and the scaling of prices was to place a proper premium on the best hams, and to show the farmers who produced the less attractive hams what they had to do to "get in the money," to give them an object lesson as to the advantage of the highest quality in their meat—all the way from the beginning of the pig to his final preparation for the table.

Prize Ham Good

W. T. Anderson of the Macon newspapers has been buying the two best hams each year at this meat show, paying $15 for the first prize ham and $10 for the second prize ham. The first prize ham of the show this year was produced by W. T. Flowers, RFD 1, Perry, and Mr Anderson stated yesterday that it was a first-class product, and encouraged him to believe that his ambition to see Georgia turn out a standard product of the highest quality and to get good prices for country-cured hams was about to be realized.

Mr. Anderson states that his own ham organization, known as the Georgia Banner Ham Association, has about 1,000 country-cure hams ready for market, and that advertising on them will start in a few days. Mr. Anderson is president of the farmers' co-operative putting out these hams, and expects to develop a Georgia country-cure ham industry that will always have hams of standard quality, and that will command as much favor in the market as do Smithfield hams in Virginia.

He says carload after carload of fresh peanut hams are being shipped from Georgia to Virginia and sold at about 18 to 20 cents per pound, and then these hams are cured and sold back to Georgians and others for 50 cents to $1 per pound, according to demand. He sees no reason, he says, why Georgia farmers cannot cure their hams and get the higher prices for the finished product, instead of selling them as fresh meat, and that his farmers' co-operative is making fine progress with the Banner Ham.

How to Keep Hams

A suggestion on how to keep hams through the summer comes from Maitland Solomon, who says the "tip" came originally from the Georgia Agricultural Extension service. The suggestion:

The best way to keep home cured hams through the summer is to wrap them in parchment paper and then place them in a fly-proof muslin bag. This method won out over several other methods in tests conducted over a three-year period by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sandersville, Ga., Progress
July 13, 1939

Negroes to Have Country Life Meeting at Buckeye Friday

(By THOMAS W. BROWN,
Negro farm agent)

Washington County Country Life association will hold its annual meeting Friday, July 14, at the Bethesda Christian church, generally known as the Billy Smith church, in the Buckeye community, on the Watermelon road in the southern part of Washington county.

Delegates are expected to be present from the 51 neighborhoods of the county to discuss the common problems of rural life. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The program will be:

Singing and what music means means to rural recreational program; discussion, How Farm People Live in Comparison With City People, opened by A. L. Hilson and Rev. J. R. Hurley of Sandersville; address, How the Rural Church May Help its People Live a More Abundant Life, Rev. J. H. Hunter, Tennille; and round table discussion, Rural People and What They Need Most, opened by J. W. Wilcher and Rev. Carlos May of Warthen.

The South is the nation's economic problem number one, and to some, it is the nation's opportunity number one. The cash income of the South as a whole is too low. If all citizens owned more material wealth, our buying power would be increased in proportion. At present the South has 28 per cent of the nation's population and its bank deposits represent 11 per cent of the nation's deposits. The cash per capita in the South is $150.00, while the nation's average is $471.00. The South's saving accounts equal six per cent of that of the nations.

Our economic problems are many, listed as follows: low income, one-party government, high taxes, poor roads, poor schools, poor churches and housing conditions, badly eroded land, high per cent illiteracy, overproduction of almost every agricultural commodity, poor marketing facilities, and little pasture.

Eighty-eight per cent of the 3288 farms of Washington county are without an acre of pasture, 700 families are without cows and 500 families are without hogs. This means that some people haven't had milk to drink since they were babies.

The short term lease tenant system has been one of the greatest destructive institutions of our Southland. We have less telephones, electric and power machinery of any people living under the stars and stripes. What can be done to make a happier and a more content rural population? Selling in a world's market and buying from a protected market without improper co-operative organizations to speak for the rights of the people of this section. It seems that our troubles are yet to be solved.

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Holtzclaw Heads Farmers

UTICA, Miss.—For the 37th consecutive year, Principal William H. Holtzclaw of the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute, was elected president of the Negro Farmers' Conference which just closed its two-day session here at the Institute.

Over eleven hundred farmers were in attendance and heard experts in various phases of agriculture and general home-life discuss problems. The theme of the conference was "Making a living on the farm."

Holly Springs, Miss Reporter
March 30, 1939

200 FARMERS ATTEND MEETIING AT RUST

Director Of Extension Work Stresses Importance Of Diversified Farming

E. H. White, Director of Extension spoke to the 200 negro farmers and farm women at the Farm meeting held at Rust College Friday.

Mr. White's subject was "Diversified Farming." He stressed first the health of the farm family stating that by raising plenty of meat and vegetables on the farm they would be able to have the correct food and save doctors' bills.

His next point was the soil must be preserved by terracing and by pasturing dairy cattle that would bring in an income and build up the land.

The director also stated that the tenant must stay at one place and place something in and around the home that is his own and take an interest and keep up the place. Landlords are always willing to help an interested tenant.

Eevery acre must be made to work. stated Mr. White, whether in crops, pasture or timber if a success is made on the farm.

Director White was introduced by Irving Weeks, county farm agent, who stated that the subsidy and conservation for farmers of this county in 1938 was $415,000 and asked that the farmers still cooperate with the government and grow not only cotton but feed crops as well and try to prevent erosion of the land.

Other speakers were James P. Davis, Head Field officer of the Farm Security; E. A. Miller, Southern Representative of the Department of Agriculture Washington, D. C. and Dr. J. W. Dorman of the Marshall County Health Unit who spoke on "Pulmonary Disease."

The spakers were introduced by President McCoy of Rust College. Alice Carter Oliver, State Director of Home Demonstration work made a talk on "Home Beautification;" R. R. Morton, on "Improved Home Living" and Iessye Lee Davis home demonstration agent for negroes conducted a general discussion on home gardening and canning, poultry raising and improved home living by a profitable use of liesure.

The program ended with a talk on "Sound Teeth as a Factor in Health" by Dr. J. W. Dorman, County Health Director.

Charleston, Miss Sun
March 23, 1939

NEGRO FARMERS' AND HOUSEWIVES' CONFERENCE

Farm people have greater need now than ever before for sound technical advice on the best method of farm adjustment and procedure to make more improvements in home life and the live at home program.

For this reason the negro county and home demonstration agents held a series of meetings in 13 communities of the county, Feb. 13 to 18. Meetings were at Enid, Macel, Bell's Chapel, Little Mound, Blue Cane, Taylor's, Bailey's, Wright's, Pilgrim Rest, Tippo, Sumner, Paynes. More than 1000 farm people were reached.

The colored county agent, B. J. Ross, gave full information on the farm program and the Commercial Appeal Live at Home competition.

The negro home demonstration agent, Nellie Mabrey, discussed the program of home demonstration work for the year, in which five units were summarized.

First, the family growing a year round garden, planting orchards, raising adequate supply of poultry for home use, owning a milk cow, raising hogs.

Second, housing the family, which included comfortable homes, that the whole family of 10 or more may not be housed in two rooms, attractive surroundings, setting shade trees, flowers, and keeping their premises clean.

Third, clothing the family; much stress was placed on women learning to sew.

Fourth, health of the family; eating proper food, medical and dental care, preventive measures against diseases, taking health examinations, screening against flies and mosquitoes, and improvement of sanitary facilities.

Fifth, social life of the family was discussed from the standpoint of recreation, and more friendly relationship of those in the home through play and music. Reading and good literature was also stressed. The necessity for cooperation of tenants with landlords was also discussed.

We feel certain that such meetings will mean much to the people of Tallahatchie county. — Nellie Mabrey, Colored H. D. Agent.

Farmers Hold Tenth Annual Meeting In Jefferson City

Daily Capital 10-21-39 Saturday

MCLINE, Ill.—It was announced today from the office of the president that the tenth annual convention of the National Federation of Colored Farmers will meet at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, October 25-27. This is the third annual meeting of the organization to be held in the state of Missouri, two previous meetings having been held in Charleston in the southeastern section of that state. This meeting no doubt will be attended by more farmers of the Race than any other, due to the fact that it will draw large delegations and visitors from Southern states where local Units of the organization are operating as well as many farmer-members from all northern states.

The N. F. C. F. is the only national organization of colored farmers which has stood the test of the years. Supported wholly by its membership, it has retained its independence, and has thus been able to speak authoritatively on matters pertaining to the welfare of the nation's Negro farmers. Since 1929 when the first Unit was organized at Howard, Miss., its growth has been substantial. It now has members enrolled from 21 states.

The objectives and efforts of the N. F. C. F. relative to the welfare of colored farmers have received the endorsement of agricultural leaders of both races throughout the nation and the commendation of Federal and State Departments of Agriculture. Members are encouraged to practice cooperative buying, production and marketing, to own the land they till and to improve living conditions in their homes and communities. By advice and instruction the Federation has aided many tenant farmers to secure farms on reasonable terms. Eleven years ago it organized the first cooperative in the nation the membership of which was composed mainly of tenant farmers and sharecroppers. Today most of these members are farm owners and are selling several thousand dollars worth of their products cooperatively.

LEADERS TO SPEAK

Many prominent agricultural and Race leaders will deliver addresses at the convention. These include Hon. Lafayette Patterson, Washington, D. C., who will represent Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, Hon. E. A. Miller, assistant director, Southern Region, AAA, James P. Davis, Head Field Officer, Little Rock, Ark.

SIDELIGHTS ON FARMERS AT CONVENTION IN JEFF CITY

Leon P. Harris, president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., gave this as his opinion of farming in the future. "There is no doubt farming in the future will be on a more sound economical basis. I would advise the young Negro to seek his livelihood in this service. It is in this service and only this that we as a race will ever build a sound financial status."

The Rev. R. C. Dority, itinerant Baptist pastor with headquarters at Earl, Ark., is a tenant farmer on a 60-acre farm producing chiefly cotton and potatoes. He is the father of 14 children. He says of the farmers federation "It is the thing we can introduce to our college students. It can be considered as the basic need for a successful race both religiously and financially."

He has been a member of the organization eight years and has attended six conventions.

The Rev. D. G. McEwen, another itinerant Baptist pastor, lives in Magnolia, Miss. Mr. Davis owns a farm of 65 acres, and two of his six children own their farms.

"Farming is the greatest expression of nature in all her glory," is the way Farmer Thomas M. Gillespie thinks of his life work. Mr. Gillespie says that "white collar" work has never appealed to him. He owns his 40-acre farm located in Butler county, Mo. He is an officer of the Butler County Colored Farm bureau, incorporated with the N.F.C.F. This bureau boasts of 100 landowners with headquarters at Poplar Bluff, Mo. Attempting to be of more value to his organization, Mr. Gillespie has taken a two-year extension course from the LaSalle Law School of Chicago.

"I was born on a farm just a few years before the slaves were freed and have lived on my present farm for the past 50 years," states William D. Martin of Butler county, Mo. He is retired and now clears mortgaged farms. Fifty years ago Mr. Martin purchased his present farm, 40 acres for $40.

Mr. Martin says that the Negro went through the greatest depression just after being freed. The former slave-owners had nothing to give and of course the former slaves had no land. He remembers for days they ate nothing but boiled turtle eggs and an inferior grade of corn meal from which they made bread.

Among the farmers at the convention was J. E. Clayton of Littig, Texas, an all-Negro town. He is the father of three children, one son, a lawyer in Chicago. He owns a 200-acre farm. He believes that the child reared on a farm and educated in schools and colleges should return to the farm.

In the community of Littig, Texas, there is an organization of colored farmers purchasing farm land and placing colored farmers on that land. Mr. Clayton holds an honorary pass issued by the agricultural department of a railroad company for the purpose of locating farm lands which are productive.

J. C. Matthews of New Madrid county, Mo., and owner of a 430-acre farm, raises all farm products with corn and cotton the main ones. He has been farming for 56 years and praises the N.F.C.F. because he believes it to be an expression of good faith and unity.

J. P. Davis, organizer and past president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers presents a picture of determination. Mr. Davis is now connected with the National Farm board, his office being in Little Rock, Ark. He works with Negro farmers in nine southern states.

In these states there are 654,000 farms operated by Negroes, 122,000 of these owned outright by Negroes.

Mr. Davis says that when the N.F.C.F. was started in 1922 he and the few members at that time met with stiff opposition until the organization had proved its worth to other groups than our own. It is now endorsed by all farm groups.

Mr. Davis believes that agriculture is the one field where there is no unemployment problem because employment has not reached the saturation point. "The farm is the Negro's salvation financially, and is a means of reducing the relief rolls," he said.

Mr. Davis owns two farms, one in Arkansas and the other in Georgia. For the past several years he has experimented with livestock, believing there to be a better future and more money in this field. Of Negro newspapers he said he encourages more farmers to read them because they are a valuable connection to the outside world.

Twelve States Represented At Farm Convent'n

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(ANP) The 10th annual convention o the National Federation of Colored Farmers, which recently closed its sessions here, was attended by delegates and visitors from 1: states.

The opening meeting Wednesday was called to order by Leo: R. Harris, president of the federation of Moline, Ill. Rev. J. P. Washington, pastor of the Christian church of Jefferson City preached the annual farmers' sermon, substituting for the Rev. C. B. Johnson, who had been called away suddenly. He was assisted by the Rev. R. A. Clinton.

The local welcoming program was given Wednesday evening. Professor A. L. Hammons of the department of agriculture, acted as master of ceremonies. Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs president of Lincoln university, Mayor Jesse Owens, Commissioner of Agriculture of the state of Missouri, Jewell Mayes, and Prof. J. N. Freeman, acting director of the department of agriculture, welcomed the convention. Responses were given by Prof. L. B. Boler, first vice president, Mo., and Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville, member board of directors of the federation. Music for the occasion which featured solos and quartette numbers was furnished by the university's music department.

Thursday morning's session, Vice-president Boler of Charleston, Mo., presiding, featured an address by E. A. Miller, assistant director, Southern region, AAA, and the annual address of President Harris. In his address the president emphasized the necessity for farm organization and cooperation and paid a glowing tribute to units of the federation that have engaged in successful cooperative enterprises. He also analyzed many acute problems effecting the welfare of colored farmers and suggested solutions. The address was well received.

Lafayette Patterson, principal administrative officer, U. S. Department of Agriculture, representing Secretary Wallace, was the main speaker Thursday afternoon. W. N. Elm, federal supervisor for special groups, Washington, J. N. Perrin, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, and C. A. Franklin, editor, Kansas City Call, also addressed the convention.

Dr. Cornelius J. King, assistant to the governor, Farm Credit administration, addressed the convention Thursday night on the subject, "Developing a Consciousness of Cooperative Group Action," and J. W. Washington, Chicago, president of the United Cooperative League, spoke on "Individual Responsibility".

Friday's session were devoted to business meetings, a meeting of farm women in charge of representatives from Indiana, Iowa and Mississippi and an address by Prof. J. M. Clayton, of Littig, Texas.

Exhibits from farmer delegates and Missouri rural schools of farm and farm home products were excellent. The first prize, a pair of registered Hampshire pigs donated by the famous radio team, Amos 'N' Andy, was awarded to J. W. Marks, Tylertown, Miss for best sample of cotton.

Walter White Blasts Out At Farmers Meet

Urges Physical Security For Negroes In Deep South

By J. ARCHIE HARGRAVES

BORDENTOWN, N. J.—Southern Senators and Congressmen were accused of being incompetent and bigoted by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as he addressed the fifth annual convention of the New Farmers of America which convened at Bordentown M. T. and I. School, last week.

"As a southerner, I hang my head in shame at the incompetent and bigoted (with few excepted) southern Senators and Congressmen now passing legislation in Washington," White said.

LEGISLATION NEEDED

Urging physical security for the masses of the Negro group, the militant NAACP leader told the convention that legislative action was necessary before any appreciable gains can be made by the Negro in the field of agriculture. In particular did he urge extension of the franchise, more justice in the courts including the much desired right of Negroes to sit on juries, and collective bargaining.

In conclusion, White scored the discriminatory race policy of the American Federation of Labor in the deep South.

YOUNG FARMERS HONORED

A. J. Anderson, of Tennessee, and J. W. Smith, of Texas, stood in the limelight at the second day meeting of the convention. Both were recognized as leading contenders for the ranking "Superior Farmer" honor, to be bestowed by C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, Durham, N. C., at the Equitable Garden of Security, New York World's Fair.

Spaulding will present $100 in cash to the ranking farmer of 1939.

Eight candidates are competing for the coveted honor. Whoever is chosen will be designated the peer of more than 25,000 young Negro farmers.

The South Carolina Chapter of the New Farmers of America who recently held their Annual Convention at South Carolina Statt A. and M. College

Palmetto Leader 12-9-39 Columbia, S.C.

Orangeburg, S. C.—The Chapter of New Farmers of Amercia held a one day Convention at South Carolina State A. and M. College, Orangeburg, Saturday, November 18. The Convention was largely attended by the various chapters throughout the state.

Mr. W. M. Bushanan Dean of the School of Agriculture. extended a royal welcome to the New Farmers on behalf of the college. Verd Peterson, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, in his talk to the New Farmers gave much light and information on the importance and function of the organization. He also explained the New Farmers organization as a part of the set up of the State Department of Education which relationship it has and must hold with these departments.

R. D. Anderson, one of the district supervisors and H.E. Savely, Educational Director of the Chilean Nitrate Company, attended the convention and gave helpful remarks.

Committees were appointed and given instructions by Thos. Brown president of the State Chapter at the opening business sessions. It was pointed out during the session that the South Carolina Chapter was the only state chapter which had not had a teacher-trainer as adviser for the past few years.

Executive Committee: Horace Ghent, Trenton, Thomas Mack, Frogmore; John Smith Fountain Inn; Charles Scott Lynchburg; Luther Caldwell, Jenkinsville.

Advisory Committee: Eugene Barnwell, Eastover; H.C. Brewer Hartsville; Roy Cunningham, Simpsonville; W. M. Seymour, St. Stephens; Allen Williams, Woodruff.

Delegates to 1940 National Convention: Euricker Waring, Irmo; W. S. Lewis, Loris; Silas Prioleau, Russellville.

Plans are now being worked out whereby the activities in the local chapters throughout the state will be increased and a bigger and better convention realized. C. A., Mr. Rondell H. Rhoden, President; Y. W. C A., Miss Helen Garner, President; Kirkland Minister Union, Rev J. M. Smith, the President.

Individuals—Mrs. Josephine White, Miss Ruth L. Byrum, Miss Magodoline Lee, Mrs. Mary M. Nelson, Prof. Gurney E. Nelson, Mrs. Alice Walker, Mrs. Frankie Butler, Mrs. Sallie Ware, Mr. Monroe Taylor, Leader of Boys Scout, Mr. Johnny Hughs, Mr. Nathaniel Chavers. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. L. L. Bates, President of the Capital Life and Health Insurance Company, Miss Sue Aron, Rev. S. C Campbell, Rev. Maxie Gordon Dean Smith

Recommendations of the Program of Work Committee proposing a program of improvement of the state chapter were approved and declared far reaching. The nomination committee made their report and following officers were elected and committees appointed for the ensuing year: President, Earnest Colemar Ridge Spring; Vice-President James Dunbar, Allendale; Secretary, Woodrow Washington, Jenkinsville; Treasurer Marion Barksdale, Owings; Reporter, Sammy B. Jordon, Jamestown; Exec. Secretary G. A. Anderson, Fountain Inn; Exec. Treasurer, Gabe Buckman, Orangeburg; State Adviser John P. Burgess. Orangeburg.

Anderson, S. C., Independent Trib
April 19, 1939

ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN NEGRO CONTESTS

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ALA. ASS'N OF NEW FARMERS MEET AT 'KEGEE

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., July 6 — The annual state convention of the Alabama Association of the New Farmers of America was held at Tuskegee Institute June 30-July 1, Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, announced.

The program consisted of such activities as judging of crops and crop products, animal and animal products, quartet contests, public speaking contests, softball contests, reorganization of the association and election of officers for the ensuing year. The convention served as a preliminary for a judging team and a public speaker for the National N. F. A. convention, which will convene at Bordentown, New Jersey, August 6-7-8.

Immediately following the N. F. A., convention the summer school instruction course for teachers of vocational agriculture convened. The opening session began on Monday, July 3, and will continue for three weeks. The instruction will include a technical course in agriculture, problems from the field, problems of supervision and administration of vocational agriculture. There were more than 40 teachers of agriculture in attendance in this summer school of instruction.

The entire program was encouraged by Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. J B. Hobdy, director of vocational education; Mr. R. E. Cammack supervisor of agricultural education; and the supervisory and teacher training staffs at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, and Tuskegee Institute.

Dr. Patterson and other administrative officials of Tuskegee Institute will appear on the program during the summer session.

As Nation's Best Farmer Got Award

J. W. Smith, 19, of Gause, Texas, is shown receiving a $100 award as the superior ranking farmer of the New Farmers of America in recognition of his outstanding accomplishment. C. C. Spaulding, president of the National Negro Business League is presenting the award, while J. B. Simmons, national executive secretary of the NFA, looks on. The impressive presentation ceremony was broadcast over a coast-to-coast NBC network. Young Smith was left 250 acres of land by his late father, and has successfully carried-on with the aid of ten tenants.

Youth, 19, Wins Superior Farm Award At NFA Meet

BORDENTOWN, N. J.—(ANP)—Jamse W. Smith, a lanky lad just turned 19, stood in the assembly room of historic Bordentown Training school during the fifth national convention of New Farmers of America last week, and was proclaimed the Ranking Superior Farmer of America for 1939 for a record of successful operation of a 100-acre farm near Gause, Texas.

The convention then adjourned to the Equitable Garden of Security, New York World's fair grounds, where Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president. North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, presented young Smith with a cash award of $100. The fair program was broadcast over the Farm and Home hour on a nation-wide hook-up of the National Broadcasting company.

At Bordentown, Dr. Ambrose Caliver, specialist in the United States office of education, announced the decision of judges from the office of education, giving Smtih the coveted honor. The scene before the host of 1,000 delegates was one of dramatic suspense. Smith was one of the ten NFA members who had just lined up to receive the "superior degree", highest rank in the national organization of students of vocational agriculture. No one knew just who would be chosen ranking superior farmer. With the announcement, the boy from far-

away Texas was designated the peer of more than 25,000 young Negro farmers.

YATES IS SECOND

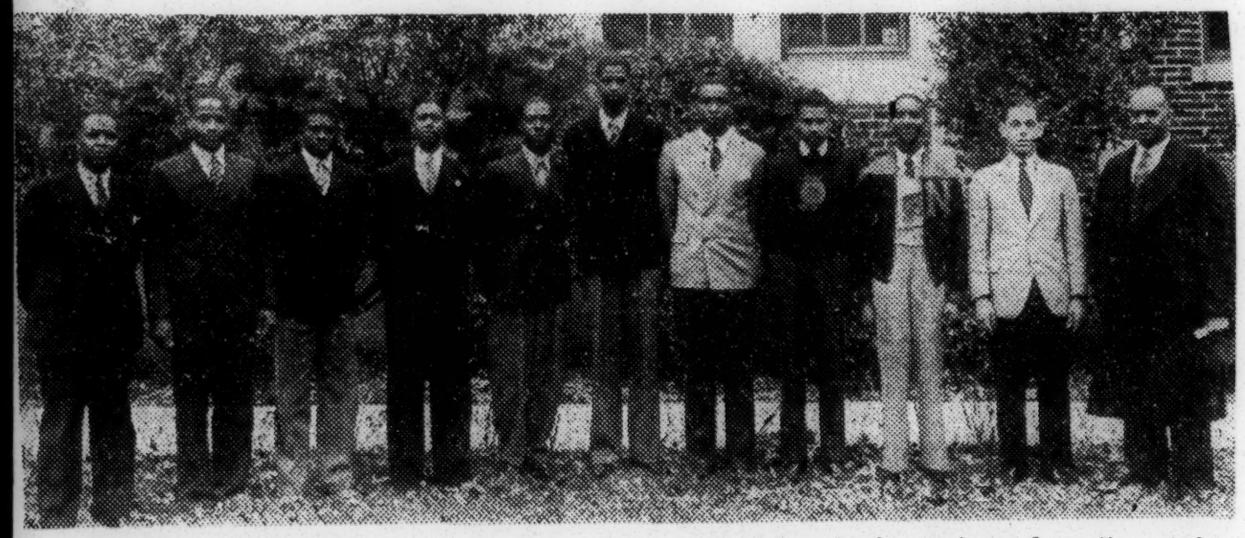
Lee Allen Yates, North Carolina, was second in the race for the award, and Jethro Hill, Arkansas, was third. Those receiving the superior farmer degree beside the three already mentioned were J. M. Martin, Jr., Louisiana; Henry King, South Carolina; Isiah Landwin, Alabama; A. J. Anderson, Tennessee; James Warren, North Carolina; Amos Kennedy, Louisiana; and Russell Lindsay, Virginia.

The conferring of the above honors climaxed four days of activity at the fifth national convention of NFA.

Distinguished speakers heard were Walter White, NAACP executive secretary; D. Stewart Graven, president, New Jersey board of education; W. R. Valentine, principal, Bordentown Manual Training school; Miss Frances L. Murphy of the Afro-American and director of the Baltimore Clean-up campaign, Baltimore; Leon Harris, president, National Federation of Colored Farmers, Moline, Ill., and Dr. Louis C. Wright, U. S. office of education, Washington. Awards were also given winners in the national agricultural judging,

Greensboro, N. C., News
April 17, 1939

NEGRO FARM LEADERS ASSEMBLE IN ARKANSAS



TRUSTEES ATTEND—North Carolina sent two representatives to the semiannual meeting of the board of trustees of New Farmers of America, national organization of negro vocational agricultural pupils, this month at Pine Bluff, Ark. Plans for the fifth national convention of the organization, to be held at Bordentown, N. J., opening August 6, were formulated at the meeting. Trustees of the national organization, pictured above (left to right), are: J. R. Thomas, Petersburg, Va., national advisor; Clinton Cunningham, Evergreen, Ala.; J. W. Smith, Gause, Tex.; James W. Warren, A. and T. college, Greensboro, secretary; Lester Albert, Delary Beach, Fla., president; Isaac Coggs, Muskogee, Okla.; Jethro Hill, Fordyce, Ark., vice president; Johnson Maner, Allendale, S. C., treasurer; Clinton Woodard, Grambling, La.; Ferdinand Holmes, Whitehaven, Tenn., reporter; S. B. Simmons, A. and T. college, Greensboro, national executive secretary.

Oxford, N. C. Ledger
April 18, 1939

Negro Farmers In Banquet Session

Number Prizes Awarded A Dinner Meeting Held at Mary Potter

More than 200 farmers were in attendance at the Annual Negro Farmers Banquet which was held at the Mary Potter School, Monday, April 10. The program was one of feasting, speaking and awarding of prizes for various contests sponsored by the Negro Farm Agent during the year.

The object of the contests is to stimulate interest in a balanced farming program which will build up the health, financial and social standing of farm families. The contests sponsored were selected on the basis of their need in the county. Prizes were awarded in the following various contests: corn, canning, poultry, garden, community fair exhibits and 4-H club work.

Winners in the contests and the awards were:

T. Y. Moore, Stem, Route 1, corn, 71 1-2 bu. per acre, corn planter; Walter Pettiford, Oxford, Route 4, corn, 67 1-2 bu. per acre, one-half ton fertilizer; Mrs. Willie Green, Creedmoor, canning, 416 quarts, pressure cooker; Mrs. Clarence Hicks, Creedmoor, poultry, 350 broilers and fryers, 32-piece set of dishes; Mrs. Naomi Wilson, Oxford, Route 4, fair exhibit, Alladin lamp; Mrs. Mary Parham, Oxford, Route 3, best woman gardener, selected merchandise to value of $2.00; Peyton Howell, Oxford, Route 3, best gardener, set of garden tools; Melvin Chavis, Oxford, Route 4, best 3-year 4-H project, one pure-bred Berkshire pig for breeding purposes.

Awards were made to the following local leaders for outstanding activities in 4-H club work. Mrs. Beecher Glover Williamson, Oxford, Route 3, Mrs. Mat Chavis, Oxford, Route 4, Mrs. Pervis Hedgepeth, Stem, Route 1, Maggie Moore, Stem, Route 1.

Fifty-eight persons received other general prizes which were drawn by numbers and made up mostly of improved seed and practical articles for home use.

The guest speaker was J. W. Kennedy, Jr., vice-president-secretary North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham. Other participants on the program were: Prof. H. S. Davis, Dr. E. E. Toney, Rev. George Yancey, Prof. G. C. Hawley, Rev. F. H. U. Edwards, and Dr. H. V. Hicks. Awards were made by T. A. Hammie, Negro County Agent of Durham. Music was furnished by Mrs. H. V. Hicks and Prof. Edward Cannady.

Prizes were made possible through the liberal donations of the merchants of Oxford.

The following is a list of business firms donating and the amount each donated:

Lyon-Winston Co., $5.00; Horner Brothers, $5.00; Penders Stores, $3.00; Montague's Mill, $3.00; Baird Hardware, $2.75; Welcome Service Station, $3.00; Wilson Tire Co., $2.00; Granville Service Station, $3.00; T. B. Brooks, $3.00; Buchanan Grocery, $3.00; Williams Drug Co. $3.00; Hall Drug Co., $3.00; Wells Lumber Co., $3.00; Fox Department Store, $3.00; Oxford Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., $3.00; Williams-Breedlove Co., $3.00; Mays' Department Store $2.00; Leggett's Department Store, $3.00; Owen Motor Co., $3.00; Ray Lumber Co., $3.00; Richmond Guano Co., $13.75; C. H. Breedlove Grocery, $2.00; Blalock Motor Co., $3.00 Henderson Production Credit Co., $3.00; Morgan-Murray Wholesale Grocers, $3.00; Triangle Service Station, $2.00; Tip Top Tea Room, $1.00; Oxford Public Ledger, $1.00; Fleming Warehouse, $3.00; Sheriff E. P. Davis, $2.00; Johnson Warehouse, $3.00; Harris Brothers, $2.00; Howard Brothers, $1.50.

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Contest Held For Negro Students

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The contest for the second group was held at Fountain Inn on Friday, including Greenville and Laurens counties.

Greensboro, N. C., Record
April 12, 1939

Negro Farmers Start Meeting

Candidates For Office Will Announce Tonight

Candidates for offices in the North Carolina Association of the New Farmers of America meeting at A. and T. college beginning Wednesday will announce their respective programs in Dudley Memorial auditorium Wednesday night. This announcement will immediately follow an address by the national president of the New Farmers of America, Lester Albert, of Delray Beach, Fla.

The list of offices open this year includes president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.

Outstanding candidates for the presidency of the organization are James S. Covington of Ellerby high school, Lee Allen Yates of Brick's training school, Halbert Cain of Maxton high school, and Lewis Morris of Windsor.

Those running for the office of first vice president are Francis Ed of Eastman school, Arthur Nornell of Edenton high school, Emmett George of Columbus county training school, John M. Long of Caswell county school, Willie B. Harrison of Nash county school and James White of Logan high school.

The list of second vice presidential candidates include Parker Solomon of Perquimans county training school and James Pulley of Spring Hope high school.

For the position of secretary, three aspirants, Evin Bail of Lincoln academy, George Marion of Columbus county training school, and William C. Rouse of J. R. Hawkins high school, are in the race.

Joseph Brame of Mary Potter high school and George Moore of P. W. Moore high school are the only candidates for reporter.

David Johnson, of Eastman school, W. G. Stewart, of Chadbourn, Leonard Harshow, and Benjamin R. Scott, of Waters school, are the only candidates in the race for treasurer of the organization.

The membership of this state-wide association of the New Farmers of America, an organization of vocational agriculture students, is over 2,500.

NFA To Hold Annual Meet At Tuskegee

NEGRO FARM GROUP TO HOLD MEETING

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., June 30—The annual state convention of the Alabama Association of the New Farmers of America is being held at Tuskegee Institute June 30—July 1, Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, announced this week.

The program will consist of such activities as judging of crops and crop products; animal and animal products, quartet contests, public speaking contests, softball contests, reorganization of the association and election of officers for the ensuing year. This convention will serve as a preliminary for a judging team and a public speaker for the National N.F.A. convention which will convene at Bordentown, N. J., August 6, 7, and 8.

Immediately following the N.F.A. convention the summer school instruction course for teachers of vocational agriculture will convene. The opening session will begin on Monday, July 3 and will continue for three weeks. The instruction will include a technical course in agriculture, problems from the field, problems of supervision and administration of vocational agriculture. There will be more than 40 teachers of agriculture in attendance in this summer school of instruction.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., Aug. 1—(AP)—Five-hundred delegates are expected to attend the fifth national convention next Monday and Tuesday of the new farmers of America, Negro farm group, to be held at the Bordentown Industrial School under the sponsorship of the federal education office.

Walter White, of New York, executive secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, will give a pre-convention address Sunday night. The convention program includes discussion of farm topics, a public speaking contest and livestock judging contest.

Lester Albert of Delray Beach, Fla., president, will preside. The group will visit the New York World's Fair Aug. 9. Delegates were expected from New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri.

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COLORED BOY [illegible] COUNTY WINS RECOGNITION

Thomas Brame, student of the West End High School in Clarksville was awarded first place at the New Farmers of America contest held at Virginia State College last week. Brame received the only gold medal given and was chosen winner for the entire state which has enrollment of 3,500 members in forty-seven chapters.

The West End school of which Brame is a member was awarded was awarded second place in the state. The classes judged were dairy cows, hogs, mules, laying hens, eggs and Irish potatoes.

Negro Rights Leader Assails Congress Tories Before Young Farmers

Walter White of NAACP Tells Negro Farmers That Vigorous Defense of Democracy Is Needed

By Angelo Herndon

BORDENTOWN, N. J., Aug. 8.—A denunciation of the reactionary Tory Congress which has just adjourned, was made here Sunday by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Addressing the delegates to the fifth annual convention of the New Farmers of America, an organization of Negro students of agriculture with 25,000 members in the South, he urged cooperation of all racial groups and labor in defense of American democracy which the Tories are attempting to destroy.

Mr. White, speaking in the assembly building last Sunday night, condemned Nazism in Germany and warned the delegates against definite trends of fascism in America as seen in the actions of southern Senators and Congressmen.

"As a Southerner," he declared, "I hang my head in shame at the incompetent and bigoted Southern Senators and Congressmen now passing on legislation in Washington. Before there can be any appreciable gains in agriculture, legislative action designed to aid the people is required. To obtain this, unity of black and white labor in the South is vital."

HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY

He said that there is yet hope for democracy as long as there is a growing belief among the people that discrimination and race prejudice must end. He leveled sharp criticism against the A. F. of L. for its discriminatory policies in matters involving Negro and white labor.

Close to a thousand delegates are attendng the convention from 16 Southern states, a large percentage of whom are small home owners who have been saved from bankruptcy through efforts of the New Deal Farm Security Administration.

The purpose of the N.F.A. is to develop the talents of rural young people, to teach them new scientific methods of farming, soil conservation and how to live as useful citizens in a democracy. Undoubtedly, much has been done in this respect to check the tremendous migration from rural areas caused by the general crisis in agriculture.

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, N. C., will present a cash prize of $100 to the ranking superior farmer of 1939, at the New York's World's Fair on Wednesday.

Mr. Lester Albert, national president of the N.F.A., speaking at Monday's session of the convention, reviewed the work of the organization for the past year. He told of achievements in fighting ignorance and bringing education to the farmer in many isolated sections of the South.

Community cooperation as an effective weapon in the fight against the impoverishment of the farmer was strongly emphasized by Leon R. Harris, president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers.

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NEGRO FARMERS PLAN INSTITUTE

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A one-day corn institute fo: Negro farmers of Johnston coun-y will be held at the Negrc school in Selma Tuesday, Febru-ary 14, announces McKay McNeill Negro county agent.

C. R. Hudson of Raleigh, the state agent for Negroes, will con-duct the school and will have ar authority on seed corn to speak The institute will open at 10:3(a. m. and close at 1 o'clock.

Announcement of winners i the state corn growing contes among Negro farmers will be mad during the meeting, McNeill said Competing for state honors i John W. Mitchiner, who won th county contest with a productio of 105.5 bushels of corn per acre

Several years ago, Johnsto county produced the state Negr champion when John Tomlinso made the highest per acre yiel and won a trip to Washington.

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NEGRO PLANNING MEETING IS HELD

The annual Farmers' and Farm Women's Planning conference, held in the auditorium of the W. S. Etheridge high school, Wednes-day, March 8, was attended by over five hundred farmers, farm women and representatives of farm homes.

The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the people of the coun-ty with various phases of exten-sion work, especially from an edu-cational standpoint, the other agen-cies existing in the county, and to have them hear lectures on good farming, home-making, health, recreation and education.

In giving a summary of the county plan of work, J. C. Hub-bard, Negro county agent, pointed out that extension work was an educational program set up to in-struct farmers in better farm prac-tices and a means for farmers to receive personal service.

A summary of accomplishments in 1938 was given by Miss L. H. Andrews, Negro home agent, alsc the goals for 1939 among 4-H club girls and home demonstration club women were stated.

B. E. Grant, county agent, gave a very interesting address, out-lining the various phases of the soil conservation program in Ber-tie county Mr. Grant stated tha the soil conservation program wa designed to help farmers secure a better living from the soil, tc put farming on a better basis and to improve the soil.

Dr. F. H. Garriss, county health director, was present and gave some very interesting remarks.

Dr. Walter Hughes, a represent-ative of the State Board of Health was present and gave a very force-ful address on health among Negroes. In his address, Dr. Hughes stated that in most cases of diseases, the Negroes on a whole rely too much on patent medicines and quack doctors, es-pecially in the early stages of tuberculosis.

Miss Mary B. Griffin, superin-tendent of public welfare in Ber-tie county, gave an interesting ad-dress on welfare conditions in Ber-tie county, the general set up of the program, and the functions of the department.

J. W. Mitchell, district agent, was present and gave interesting observations.

T. M. Garris, president of the State Negro Farmers' conference gave some remarks on the 193(Farmers' conference to be held ir August of this year.

Mr. Garris expressed his desire to solicit the cooperation of all the people of the county in an ef-fort to make the 1939 conference the best ever held in the state.

Othr visitors were L. B. Black-us, state supervisor of recreation for Negroes, Raleigh; T. S. Subor-den, Bricks; Dr. Danes, state dent-ist, New Bern; J. B. Small, Negro county agent, Edenton; M. W. Coleman, vocational agriculture teacher, C. G. White high school, Powellsville.

Music for the occasion was fur-nished by the W. S. Etheridge high school, with Miss Lonette Tapp, music director, as accom-panist.

Following the planning meet-ing, the home demonstration coun-ty council held a meeting to dis-cuss plans for 1939.

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FARM MEETS SET FOR THIS WEEK

County Negro Council To Meet Tomorrow Night At 7 —Group Meets Elated

A meeting of the Greenville County Negro Farm council will be held in the office of R. W. Anderson, negro agricultural agent, in the Temple building Monday night at 7 o'clock.

County Agent W. R. Gray and Louis M. Verdin, county farm security administrator, will be the principal speakers. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint negro farmers with the phase of the farm program.

Other negro farm meetings will be held in communities this week as follows: Wednesday — Lowndes Hill 4-H club, 1 p. m., and Lowndes Hill adult club, 2:30 p. m.; Thursday—Chapman Grove adult club, 7 p. m., and Friday, Forkville adult club, 7 p. m.